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COUNTRY Soviet Zone of Germany REPORT NO. [REDACTED] 25X1A

TOPIC Stendal-Borstel Airfield

EVALUATION See below PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1A

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1. The Stendal-Borstel (M 53/Y 75) airfield has been occupied by single-engine aircraft since early April 1950. A train of 16 tank cars, [REDACTED] stood on the field railroad spur track on 6 April 1950. Some soldiers of the guard detail said they were assigned to an air force unit in Dresden (N 52/F 29) and had taken over the train of tank cars in Bodenbach (N 51/F 56). (1)

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2. The field has been occupied by a new unit since early April 1950. Single-engine two-seater ground attack planes and [REDACTED] were assigned to the unit. (2) Several planes landed at the field on 8 May 1950. The numbers 01, 02, 04, and 41 were identified on the fuselages of four planes. The upper third of the rudders was painted sky-blue. To date there had been flying only in fine weather.

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3. The field was observed between 8 and 11 a.m. on 12 May 1950 in good weather. Eighteen single-engine planes, parked on the southern edge of the landing field, made individual local flights at intervals of 10 minutes. Their landing gears were lowered when they circled the field. Description: low-wing monoplane, in-line engine, three-bladed propeller, red propeller hub, curved leading edge of wings, trailing edge rather straight, long cockpit, antenna rod at the end of the cockpit, antenna leading to rudder assembly, painted gray-green, rudder assembly with red rim, no numbers. The planes each had one pilot.
4. A radio truck with an antenna, 6 to 8 meters high, stood near the aircraft on the southern edge of the field. Four

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radio trucks, all with antennas about 10 meters high, were on the northern edge of the field. Two tanks, larger than railroad tank cars, were being installed in front of the hangars on the northern edge of the field. Three new tanks were being dug in by the side of the tanks previously installed on the southern edge.

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Comments.

- (1) The fuel possibly arrived from Czechoslovakia, via Dresden.
- 25X1AB (2) [REDACTED] it is concluded that the unit at the Stendal-Borstel airfield is the ground attack unit previously stationed in Koethen. 25X1X
- 25X1X [REDACTED] elements of the Koethen air reconnaissance regiment are also believed to be stationed in Stendal.
- (3) The installation of fuel containers indicates that the air unit will probably be stationed at the field for some time. It has been observed repeatedly that air units to be transferred took their fuel containers with them.
- (4) The three sources agree on the occupation of the field by single-engine aircraft. This confirms a previous report.

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